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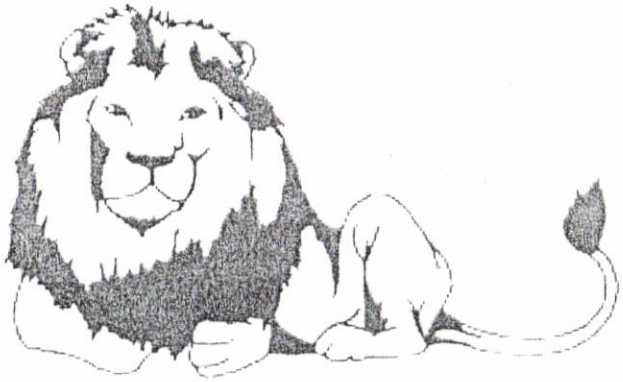

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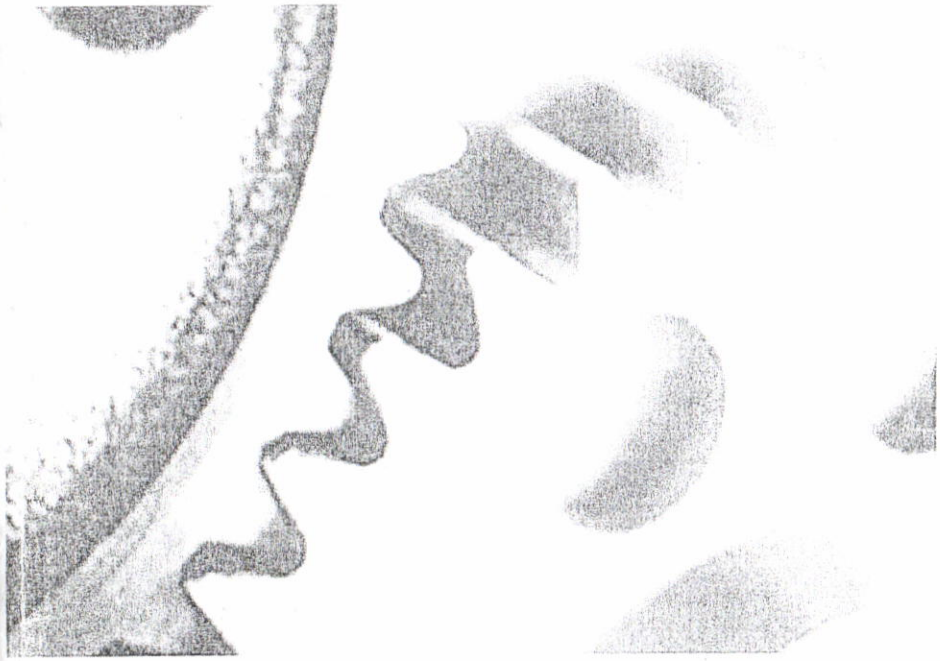
# "Working for an Oppressive Government" and other essays



By Jose Blaze Cruz

I know there will be an end to wars, hunger, poverty, racism, oppression and exploitation once "We The People" wield the weapon that has existed since the beginning of time. It's found in those 3 words.

"We The People"

It will be made manifest through a dicatorship of the proletariat. I dare you to think! To Act! To be a true leader and not a follower.

For more information on the dictatorship of the proletariat, see:

IGNORANCE AND ARROGANCE". Twain has alot of insight about Amerikan society and the dominant Amerikan "character". And as I look around and see all this ignorance and arrogance, I'm in awe to see he hit it on the nose! People are so ignorant that in most cases they don't even know why their country is fighting these wars adn yet they are arrogant enough to defend it. Thalk about being the devil's advocate!

This attitude is similar to the attitude during slavery days. There were slave owners and then there were the silent partners who tolerated slavery even though they "knew" it was wrong! On the other hand, there were some who did speak up with gallant force, like John Brown, whom knew slavery and oppression was wrong and stepped to his business bringing the noise to the injustice he saw. Like back then, some people today hear no evil and see no evil. Shame on them!

I tip my hat to all those who refuse to bear arms and kill for the Military Industrial Complex. Even under threats of imprisonment and physical harm, to them "free thinkers", whom are my heroes and role models that wer are not taught of in school because of their ideas, much love to all those who teach the truth, who honestly believe that all men are created equal, who strive for social and economic equality and who are willing to lose their freedom in the quest for freedom.

# THE STUPID PEOPLE

existense the men who are to wield those weapons - the modern working class." Yes! "We The People!"

Most Amerikans ignore our oppressive nature because they stand to gain fromthis mass exploitation. They instead look for reasons to justify it. One revolutionary leader, Robert Williams, put it like this: "...a good man who is silent and inactive in time sof great injustice and oppression is no good man at all. He is no ally to freedom and justice, but is a silent partner to tyranny and condemnation." Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "We will not only have to repent for the actions of the bad people but also for the appalling silence of the good".

I have run into many who dare say, "I have nothing to do with what this country does..." But they are as wrong as they are guilty. Because unless you take a stand "against" oppression and exploitation in any form or fashion, you are for it. You are a silent partner to Imperialism. Are you teaching your children that the use of deadly force is not the way to better the world? Do you teach them "true" history or his-story? Do you encourage them to be blind followers like that caller who said "...I'll kill for this country even if they are wrong". That could be anyone of your children speaking. Is that what "We The People" are breeding, a bunch of cold servile monsters?

Our very own Mark Twain said: "What you need to get along in America is the PERFECT COMBINATION OF

In the very words of my beloved brother John Africa of "Move" who said, (before the state kops dropped bombs on their neighborhood killing 11 men, women and children and annihilating 61 homes and leaving over 200 other people homeless on Mothers Day 1985), "...the Government is only as lasting as your understanding of administration. The Army is nothing without people, the Air Force is grounded without your endorsement, the ships of the Navy could never have saidled if your leaders didn't have you sail 'em and the brutal depravity of police would be non existent if you didn't wear the uniform."

So true! All it takes is for "the People" to say "NO!" very firmly.

"You" are the ones who pump blood into the veins of the beast that will one day devour even your children if it hasn't already! It saddens me to see that you are not aware that like Dr. Frankenstein, we create our own monsters who then run out of control. Even Karl Marx wisely predicted this in the Communist Manifesto, saying: "...a society that has conjured up such gigantic means of production and of exchange, is like the sorcerer who is no longer able to control the powers of the nether world who he has called up by his spells...The weapons with which the bourgeoise felled feudalism to the groundare now turned against the bourgeosie itself. But not only has the bourgeosie forged the weapons that bring death to itself, it has also called into



There is nothing more true than Emma Goldman's statemen "The most violent element in society is ignorance." This is why it's important for us Revolutionaries to remember that whoeve fights monsters, must be very careful that in the process, he does not become a monster.

There's no limit to how stupid people can get. One such example is when people willingly do negative things, criminal things, things that hurt other people, "knowing" it's wrong, and when they get caught the snivel, "He told me to do it." with hopes that s/he could escape the sword of justice.

Didn't your ma ever scold you: "Well, if he told you to jump off the roof, would you jump?" I used to wonder how stupid a person could get until one such person responded, "Well, gee Blaze, how stupid do you want me to get?" He was very serious too!

No doubt we have all done stupid things in our lives. No one is perfect. But these stupid people are on a level all their own. They are born followers.

You see, we all know what is "right" and what is "wrong." So naturally, it is never our responsibility or "duty" to follow the crowd and do harmful and negative things toward others. Even at the threat of getting fired, punished, or the loss of a check. In fact, immunity from injury and death is not worth purchasing at the expense of lowering one's self to the standards of the ruling power. There should be "no way" you allow yourself to be

ıvolved in things that are damaging to the world or to ıdividuals. Nor should you allow yourself to be used as an ıstrument of someone else's desires, wills, and objectives.

Fighting in imperialist wars for oil, exploitation and control is o "just cause" regardless of how convincing the argument is. f your work is not helping to further the human good and the ood of the world, then it is wrong. Revolutionaries seek no alue of evil, nor do we surrender our values to greed, deceit, nd exploitation.

So you can see how ignorant I think these stupid people are vho are abusing prisoners in Iraqi prisons. Approximately 000 pictures and videos of torture, sexual abuse, degradation, nd murder have surfaced which shock the conscience. Yet ıese stupid people sniveled "I was ordered to do it," like that ıakes it all right...? Well, okay now, I order you to jump off a liff!

That is a pathetic excuse that I've been hearing for years and it ever fails to amaze me! That's why this world is so fucked up. eople just don't know how to say "NO!" Some people are so mple of mind and so controlled by their immediate needs that eceitful men and governments will always find plenty of ummies that are ready to be mislead and deceived.

t was obedient dummies that worked for the National Guard vhen they were dispatched to Kent State University and were rdered to shoot at peaceful protesting students. They were



selfish and insane wars. "We The People" can make life on this planet better for all...not just for a select few. However, nothing can be done unless "We The People" do something about it. As long as we allow those at the top to manipulate us with false promises of prosperity, like pawns in a chess game, allowing them to do as they please, as they destroy the entire world to get rich off her resources, "We The People" will continue to be part of the problem and not the solution!

I tip my hat to all those "bravehearts" who are doing their part. Teaching, educating, opening eyes and minds. People like Chuck, Charlan, Dwight and other bravehearts out of KKFI Community Radio, and the Bruderhof Radio and WBAI...Anyone who does not uphold their beliefs and ideals is living a sham, and of those there are way too many, claiming to be for the people but are actually against the people!

It is time people...start waking up and smelling the coffee. You can't continue to blame everything on the powers that be. Because "you" give them power. You are a silent partner when men, women, and children are murdered by their hands. You are the ones who become the armed forces used for oppression. You become the Kops and guards that help keep over 2 million souls in prison. You are the ones who are shooting our kids in the back. You are the ones who kill and exploit for no other reason except that "....it was an order....this is my job!"

surprised at how the conditions in the world get worse each year.

Last night I listened to a radio show on KKFI 90.1FM hosted by my dear friend Chuck Tackett. It did not fail to amaze me yet again, how ignorant and cold some people are. One caller stated how he would fight and kill for this country whether they were right or wrong and even if he didn't know "why" he was fighting!! Another caller said he was proud the U.$. had become a super-power....that this is how we come a super-power; by exerting our power and will on weaker countries. (This is also, as history has proven, how super powers get toppled). They ended up being hated by every other country, just as we are seeing today...even our own friends kicked us off two key committees in the United Nations!

For "just" reasons too!

Remarkably, most of the callers have completed high school and college. yet they do not know the real reasons of why we fought in wars like Vietnam and others mentioned. (That portion of the show was about the cruelties inflicted on innocent Vietnamese by our soldiers). The sad reality is that our lack of knowledge of what this country does abroad and even at home is why we continue to perpetuate these crimes against humanity.

The truth is "We The People" can put an end to all these



protesting the war. Four students were killed. In 1971, Governor Rockefeller sent in state troopers to stop the Attica prison riot (protesting the cruel and unusual prison treatment.). The dummies murdered 29 prisoners and 10 hostages. In addition, 85 prisoners had gun shot wounds.

On Mother's Day, 1985, hundreds of police armed with automatic weapons surrounded the MOVE Organization home and attacked! For hours the dummies pounded the MOVE House with bullets. Then a police helicopter dropped a bomb on the MOVE house.61 homes were destroyed, 200 people were made homeless. 6 adults and 5 children were murdered. All of these government followers were simply obeying orders as if that made it okay to murder people.

I think about the 27 men, women, and children that were burned to death in Waco, Texas and shake my head sadly... of the old people who are kicked out of their homes into the cold street by people following orders, of the poor and mentally-ill thrown into prisons and then I understand what John Africa meant when he said:

"The government is only as lasting as your understanding of administration. The army is nothing without people, the air force is grounded without your endorsement, the ships of the navy could never have sailed if your leaders didn't have you sail 'me, and the brutal depravity of police would be non-existent if you didn't wear the uniform..."

You just can't justify your acts by saying you were just llowing orders, or by doing your job, as I often hear. What's rong is wrong and no one should make you do wrong. Nor n it justify your wrong actions. Yet many of you do just that, ding behind laws that are not really laws at all because it is an just law even when it seems just on the surface.

Slavery was "law" at one time. But it is a man-made law, hich unlike universal laws of nature, can often be found to be just in application. And just because you follow orders esn't make your action right. In fact, you are just as guilty as e stupid prisoner who I personally know who was ordered by s peers to run up in a person's home and kill everything in it... an, woman, and children... now he's rotting in the cell next to ine, of unknown ailments. Clumps of hair are falling out, all nds of strange things are happening to his body from stress d with all that, one would think he wizened up? No! Stupid ople never seem to learn, again he was ordered by his peers cut another prisoner... and he did!!! Stupidity has no limit!!!

hat has always bothered me: How people allow themselves to used to do harm to others. Or how people are pushed by peer essure to cause harm. I've been in prison for over a decade, d I've come to see that there are incarcerated "criminals" and ree criminals." The free ones are worse, because often they ave the law encouraging them to create crimes and get away ith it! I've seen guards ordered to run up in cells (or metimes peer pressured) and beat down prisoners. In one ch incident, the prisoner died. He choked to death in the cell



It's way too easy for "We The People" to act like the innocent...while turning a blind eye!

"We The People", it seems, have turned a blind eye when we invaded Guatamala in 54, Cuba in 61, The Dominican Republic in 65, Chile in 73, Granada in 83, Panama in 89, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Vietnam, Yugoslavia and so many others. Most who coincidently happen to be people of color!

Why do we continue to accept so much poverty, hunger and illness when "We The People" can put an end to it? Do you know that "We The People" spend over 10 billion dollars a year in the country on "cat food" and for way less than half of that we could supply water and food to children that are in need of those basic, non-negotiable needs all over the world??

For that matter, why are there people going hungry in the worlds richest land? Why do we have over 2 million souls rotting in prison....men, women and children in this so-called land of the free? Why? Becuase, "We The People" are allowing it to happen!

Some even benefit from this misery!!

It is said, that the best way for evil to triumph is for the good people to do nothing. So my good people, don't be

"We the people" are a very powerful and interesting 3 words. The force of those 3 words can either make the world or break the world. Noticeable, it is those very 3 words that start off the Constitution of this great country. (A constitution that is slowly being eroded by the powers that be) Those 3 words are uttered in the reference to the forming of a "Perfect Union", "Established Justice", "Insure Domestic Tranquility", "Provides Common Defense", "Promotes General Welfare", etc....

Why then do I see our kids being gunned down in the streets by the same kops who swore upon oath to protect us and our kids? Why are our neighborhoods being bombed and burnt to the ground with innocent people in it by the State? Consider Tulsa, Alabama, Waco, Ruby Ridge, the Move from Philadelphia, and so many others. Why have "We The People" been allowing the continued onslaught and genocide of millions of men, women, and children in Iraq? We've been bombing them relentlessly for over 10 years; simply because we've been coveting their oil and the resources of many poor countries.

We've been depriving our Cuban brothers and sisters and their children access to goods. We've been placing insane embargoes on country after country, and even denying medication to the sick in Africa simply because they don't have the capital we want...Jesus! Didn't we not already plunder that country not only for her resources, but for her very flesh?



across from mine. When I asked one of the guards why he did that, he simply stated he was doing his job and that the kid deserved it.

That's the so-called honorable reply I get... they're allegedly doing their duty, helping society, cleaning the streets and world from scum. To them, it was okay to shoot Amadou Diallo 41 times and say it was okay or to shove a broomstick up Abner Luimas' ass tearing up his insides or to murder my sweet sista Tyesha Miller who was having a diabetic-coma attack and was repeatedly shot by kops, or the 18 year young unarmed Dontae Dawson who is shot because they "thought" he had a gun. They're just doing their job. There are thousands of such cases. Like Anthony Baez whose football mistakenly hit a kop car, so they got out and killed him... all in the name of duty.

No matter how these actions, orders, or peer-pressures are justified, they are wrong. In order for us to help society, we must learn that our business on Earth is to do it right... not to follow orders or idiots. If you want to help change the world, you must change your attitude towards it... and take up your responsibility for all living things! You can't bring peace into the world by killing, exploiting, bombing, and imprisoning. Only stupid people think they can make the world better through destruction. No matter how many credentials they have up on their walls, it doesn't make them decent people. No! They just show me that they are intelligent stupid people! The smart and morally brave people are those who do what is right regardless of the consequences. Even if and when they must go

gainst popular opinion.

They choose their occupations wisely! It is certainly not uperior work to be contributing to the prison industrial omplex, or the perfection of bomb construction, or lying in the nedia for the government.

On the contrary, your service should be for humanity, neaningful and productive work which contributes to social progress.

So, as I listen to those soldiers cry in the Iraqi prisons saying hat there were just following orders, what I see instead is their miling faces on camera sadistically torturing humiliated prisoners... Some are battered, some are raped, others are lead... No doubt, whoever fights monsters must be very careful hat in the process s/he does not become a monster. For more on this, read my essay "Working for an oppressive government." (and I do not see the Iraqi's as monsters!)

I dedicate this essay to Ms. Elvira Orloski who once worked for an agency that evicted people. She quit because in her heart, she knew it was wrong to kick people into the streets. As human beings we have 5 inalienable human rights: free education, housing, food, healthcare, and to be free of abuse and exploitation. There will be a day when we the people will change this system.

Capitalist society inevitably creates a large sector of



# WE THE PEOPLE

But, I digress. Lets keep it simple. I get up from my bunk and waste an entire hour searching my cell for the pen I put down somewhere. It's amazing how I lose things in such a tiny space. I must admit, these are some of the dumbest smart people I have ever seen. They're starving mankind, destroying the earth, rippin' up the ozone layer, polluting the seas, killing the trees, animals and even human beings. They deny global warming creates storms, floods, tsunamis, snow in the tropical islands, and they'll either deny it, or blame everyone else but themselves. If there is to be an end to the world, it will be by their own hands. They are too smart for their own britches. An hour has lapsed and I am still searching high and low for my pen. I could see all this insanity just by observing my prison administrators taking a tough stance, roaring like a lion, going on these collective punishment sprees, solving nothing, but making matters worse.

I sit on my bunk shaking my head in annoyance that I can't find my pen. Perhaps these geniuses stole that too? They just love taking our pens during shake-downs. Pens, tissue, food, little things to prove they are tough on crime and in charge. I shake my head in agreement to these thoughts and feel the weight of my pen on my own ear, and I smile. It's time to write..."Keep it simple, stupid!"



underprivileged misery which the people must mitigate or perish! See also, my essay "We the People."

Blaze

# WORKING FOR AN OPPRESSIVE GOVENMENT



for stealing a loaf of bread, a pizza, a gun possession, selling a joint or for slappin' the fire out of a racist kop. They began to charge children as adults, even give them death sentences along with women and the mentally ill, and yes, woman have been the largest growing sector in the prison industrial complex. Corrections have become the second largest employer in the U$. Has any of this insanity decreased crime? No! It never has and never will until you attack the root problem. Poverty, unemployment and lack of education.

That's not the only problem. There's an underlying problem: their capitalist greed for profit at the expense of warehousing human beings. To the capitalist, these humans are worth more in prison than on the streets where they are doing nothing. In prison they generate $40,000 a year per head. It costs more to keep a person in prison than it does to put them through Harvard University. Noticeably, in California, only one university was built; compared to over 23 prisons since 1980. Now, that's stupid. But they don't pay to keep these non-violent offenders in prison, you the gullible tax payer does. Not only do they make money from prisoners; they create jobs for unsuspecting rural areas, and soldiers returning home. Go figure! California alone has more prisoners then the prison populations of Japan, Great Britain, Singapore, France, Germany and the Netherlands COMBINED! When are people going to wake up? I agree with those who believe that these capitalists just don't want to remedy the problem. Too much money is involved.

stance on everything. I look abroad. In Vietnam they murdered entire villages. Men women and children, hoping that tough stance would make them submit. Today in Iraq it is the same concept. Beat them into submission, but it never works.

What they are actually doing is creating more enemies and even turning allies into enemies. That's stupid. I look within our borders and see this tough-insanity out of control-as with Waco, Ruby Ridge, the MOVE family that was bombed in their home. All collective murders committed by the powers that be. Now wassup with that? When are they going to learn that it just doesn't work? Tougher is dumber! I look at the war on drugs and the get tough on crime policies. We now have added-in ten years only-another million prisoners in the system with no end in sight. More and more poor people are moving into the Prison Industrial Complex. Don't build more prisons, stupid. Create more jobs and build schools. The majority going to prison are non-violent offenders who have committed economic crimes. The poor, sick, old and uneducated. If you deal with poverty, jobs and education correctly; you'll have dealt the Prison Industrial Complex a death blow. But no, these dummies want to get tougher.

Keep it simple, stupid!

How stupid can a society get? Well, it all depends on how stupid they wanna get? Along with their war on drugs and get tough on crime policies, they come up with their genius move. The three strikes law, and they began to lock people up for life



I don't know where to start with this issue, yet it has to be brought up because we've chosen to ignore it for so long, that it has become common practice...even encouraged by our parents, clergy-men, and so called "leaders". "Helping the oppressors oppress people and nations..." This here, is only for the open-minded, free thinker, and unbiased person. All things written here are factual...and if you research you'll find absolute truth...

Who are oppressors? An oppressor can be any person or nation who imposes, by force and trick knowledge, its will upon another person or nation against that person or nation's will. When I see kids being shot dean on their own street, be it by the military in Israel, or by kops in Amerika, that is oppression. When I see a country going to another country and exploiting this smaller country for it's oil, resources, and "brain power", establishing puppet governments there, to continue the exploitation, I call it oppression. When I see embargoes on other countries that leave innocent boys and girls without food and water, dying of thirst and starving to death, with no medical care because they can't get simple medications, I call it oppression. When I see that there are over 36 million cases of AIDS in the world, and the bulk of these cases (approximately 26 million) come out of the Sub Saharan region of Africa and imperialist pharmaceutical companies try to sue them when they try to sue them when they try to make their own real cure, I call that oppression. When I see that we are not taught true history, and when we don't teach our children to be free and critical thinkers, and when money keeps the rich out of the

prisons, even though the majority of people who are poor fall into prisons, and there is money for wars but not for feeding the poor, I call that oppression. When I look around the globe and see all of Latin America, and Africa and all people of color doing extremely bad, I call it oppression. And even in this country, when I see over two million men, women and children in prison and over five million on some type of supervised release, in this so called land of the free, you can call it what you want... but till my death I will call it oppression.

The reality is that anyone who aids and abets an oppressing person or nation in any form or fashion is in conspiracy with this oppressor. They are silent partners in this crime whether they are cognizant of this fact or not. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "we will not only have to pray for the actions of the bad people, but we will also have to repent for the appalling silence of the good people." For they are just as guilty?

The black revolutionary Robert Williams delivered a speech in China. In that speech he spoke of the myth of the good and reasonable amerikan...he said in part, "...we who are brutally oppressed and victimized cannot forever afford to spare the fortress of social reaction and tyranny because there are allegedly silent dissenters with its gates...a good man who is silent and inactive in times of great injustice and oppression is no good man at all. He is no ally to freedom and justice, but is a silent partner to tyranny and condemnation..." Almost five-hundred bloody and gruesome years have passed and from "year one" our good and silent partners have remained silent



prison system is the norm and never fails to amaze me. How they don't realize that they actually make the over all problem worse when they go into their collective punishment mode.

Lets keep it real: starving, mistreating, pushing around the prisoner for something they were not involved with is not only unjustified and counter productive, but it is also harmful and can lead to volatile situations.

It has never been wise to fight fire with fire. Fires are put out with water; bees are caught with honey, not vinegar and repression will always breed resistance. The real problems that create violence in all prisons is over crowding. Racist officers, lack of education and communication, foul conditions and many other similar things that is symptomatic of malaise in a prison. Instead of ameliorating those problems; overcrowding is getting worse. Racist officers are being covered for and defended, education and communication are practically non-existent. So, when fights do break out as a result; they go on a collective punishment spree and leave the reasons that created the violence intact.

Keep it simple stupid!

So I laid back on my bunk. Confined to my cell. Stomach rumbling. Eating a wish sandwich (that's two slices of bread with I wish something was in between it) and I ponder some more the correlations between prisons and society. I note that these folks always take a tough and even obsessively brutal

I have taught myself to learn something from all my experiences, whether they be small or great. One of the lessons I keep coming across is to keep it simple. This wisdom, I've come to learn is applicable in all aspects of life. For example, I learned that if I want to get an important message across, a concern or complaint, I always seem to get better results when I make it short and sweet. Once I go into a long and drawn diatribe, I lose the listeners full attention, and in worse cases, one or both of us get frustrated and nothing gets accomplished.

It is in that light that I've come to another realization concerning the Prison Industrial Complex. See; I am a gulagist. I study, observe, comment on and live in a prison setting. I have taught myself to analyze prison life and behavior and make correlations betweens prisons and society. There is absolutely no question that the degree of civilization in a society can be judged by entering its prisons. Prison is nothing but a magnified microcosm of society. Everything you see in society, you'll find in it's rawest form within the prison industrial complex.

The other day I woke up to find the entire prison on lock-down status. They fed us bologna and cheese three times a day. Strip-searched us, we had no showers, recreation or commissary calls. They shook our cells down, took little knick-knacks and left our cell ram sacked. And they talked all this greasy-tough guy yang in the process. This is all lasted for over seven days. This collective punishment stemmed from a fight that occurred with a few people. This type of collective punishment in the



and inactive. Noticeably, in Amerika, our prisons are bloated with men whose only crime is "conspiracy" that is, they "knew" about a crime or witnessed it, some by mistake...and since they chose to remain silent, were given crazy amounts of years to serve in prison...

I laugh at amerikan hypocrisy. See, because several black and Latino guards I've met in prison told me that they "know" what is happening to people of color in amerika and globally. They acknowledge that it was not right. They admitted that such types of oppression were really "crimes against humanity." For example, amerika literally keeps prisoners in small cages, blind-folded, like dogs, they experiment on them, beat them, and kill them. On our streets, kops get away with murdering our youth...Man! It's insane. I don't have enough ink and time to write of all the blacks and Hispanics killed by guards and kops or the global exploitation occurring. But, it is happening for even the dumbest to bear witness.

Yet, if you already "know" this occurs, then why are you still working for them? By your own admission, then, you are a co-conspirator to these crimes committed against man and humanity. For that is your boss and you are a silent partner to what he is doing. There are thousands upon thousands of men, women and children serving time for conspiracy...this is an amerikan law. What's good for the goose is certainly good for the gander...or so I heard.

Would you, black and Hispanic kop, guard, or military man,

ıave worked on the cotton and gold fields during the blatant lavery days as one of the task masters riding on horseback, vhip in hand, strutting proudly? No? well, you're doing it oday. Here is your thirteenth amendment...what a neat ıumber. The "other" number of the beast, the original :onquered thirteen colonies, a bad luck number, for who? For ne and you...see the thirteenth amendment of the constitution 'eads as follows, "...neither slavery or servitude EXCEPT as a 'orm of punishment for crime where of the party shall have ›een duly convicted shall exist in the United States or any ›lace subject to their jurisdiction..." Under that light then, it is ıo mystery why over seven million blacks and Latinos have ›een duly "convicted" in Amerikkka and why prisons have ›ecome the fastest growing industry in amerika and is now the ıumber two employer in the U$.

As prisoners we are forced to work under threat of losing good ime. Yet many blacks and Latinos willingly work here as task nasters "riding on horseback, whip in hand...acting like they ›ffer men and God a good service...helping in oppressing the ›ppressed." This does not surprise me. For man, in their greed ınd selfish-interest, will do anything for money if they are not 'truly righteous." Even in slavery times, this was so. There was he field negro, and the house negro. The field negro slaved on he fields, burned under the sun, died of exhaustion, maladies, sickness and abuse. The house negro had it a bit better. S/he worked for master. Snitched on others for masters favor, and even protected master. Then there were the buffalo soldiers, black soldiers used to hunt Indians down. Oppressed used



# KEEP IT SIMPLE, STUPID!

the sake of peace, and when you realize that no peace will come through killing, and that the end does not justify the means, and when you grow full and light with thoughts of peace, then there will be an end to war. But as long as men go to war for the sake of peace, there will be war."

"And as long as any woman teaches her sons how to go to war because of love of peace, there will be war." Gandhi simply put it like this: "There is no road to peace, peace is the road." Yet, people continue to be deceived by these devils in high places, who gladly send our sons and daughters to kill and be killed.

I end this by saying, all you men and women who work for an oppressive government, the conscious ones who know that there is something terribly wrong, I don't knock you. I love you. Teach and understand that we are all prisoners and victims. Peace!



against the oppressed. "Divide and conquer..." It's a never ending cycle. Sound familiar? This is what you kops, guards and soldiers do for your master today. You bear arms to protect master and keep him on top. Money to the "hue-man" (man of color) is what the carrot stick is to the horse. A tool of control. And for money, you'll go where ever it takes you.

It doesn't have to be like that. Jesus spoke of man's worldliness and chasing after the things of the world...about serving "two masters," God (righteousness) and mammon (riches). You could not do both. Impossible! Yet one of the striking features in amerika, which many call the modern Babylon, is the extreme individualism. One Black guard here told me she "was not Afrikan..." Colin Powell (our secretary of state) said on national T.V that he "was not black." What the fuck! That's being brain-washed! That's an identity crisis. That's a perfect example of miseducation of the negro. Yet that striking feature is prevalent even among us, those who know who they are. This is extreme individualism, acquisitiveness, and co modification (commodity fetishism) of these times. The U$ promotes , in many ways greatly, "individualism" and instant gratification, consumerism an so on...as Lenin described this system, it represents a "parasitic and moribund" nature (or character). It shackles the power and productive forces (as with our over seven million peoples of color hemmed-in by the injustice system). The fact that capitalism brings about tremendous suffering, dislocation and in fact, oppression, exploitation and misery for the great majority of people in the world "is immaterial to these people in the U$ and other imperialist countries." Because, as with your jailers, kops, and

military men, they are "gaining" materially...many blacks and Latinos have uttered, with hate in their eyes, "why complain when we are doing well?" I complain because I Blaze, care. I have not become like you, cruel, callous and indifferent to the suffering and poverty of mankind. ( I don't mean all of you... but a majority)

Many people of color have tried hard to "reform" this system. Martin Luther King Jr. tried that...and they killed him. They killed "all" our leaders. Dubois tried the military but they kicked him out of the U$ in the most dishonorable fashion. We fought in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, and helped attack and invade Guatemala in 54, Cuba in 61, Dominican Republic in 65, Chile in 73, Grenada in 83, Panama in 89, El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Vietnam, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and now Columbia. Notice the similarities. They're all third world countries, poor people of color. Yet, after you help subjugate these countries, they continue to treat you as third class citizens. They spit in your face, lynch you, beat you, kill and incarcerate you. One female guard I know has two sons and one daughter in prison. Yet, like her, you continue to work for the Prison Industrial Complex. Why? As many guards have confessed to me, they do it because "the pay is good." See? Again, it's for material gain.

There are many other jobs that you are really needed in. It may pay less, but our rewards are greater as people. Teaching and health care are but only two out of many job choices. Or is it that you would rather be like the individualistic who allow



if you could, concerning the buffalo soldiers. Who benefited from their going to war to kill the Indians? Not the Indians and not the Blacks, because Blacks are still treated like shit 200 years later. Only the settlers benefited from the Buffalo Soldiers clearing out the land. It works the same today.

Who do you think really benefits from the line of work you do? The ones you help oppress? Yourself? Because materially you do better? Or Yacub, who is systematically clamping down on the entire globe through mass destruction.

I look at all the Black and Latino countries, and know why we are all doing so terribly bad, dying off even. We are allowing ourselves to be used. Am I the only one sees this? In the poem "Prisoner of Chillon", Lord Byron says after struggling to look out a dungeon window"...and henceforth, the whole world hath become a prison unto me..." There are billions who truly understand that statement.

I want to thank my typist for putting up with my leftist views. He often disagrees with a lot of what I write. We all have the right to dissent. We all, also, have a duty to think, and we all must begin to understand that the future of our races, of human-kind even, lies waiting for those who will come to understand their lives and take up their responsibility to all living things.

"But when all the young men refuse to kill for the sake of peace, and when all the women forbid their men to kill for

jobs?

In another segment of the news, an agent is sent to evict an old lady out of her house. Where would she go in Brooklyn? To the park, or street to sleep? Perhaps get raped or hurt? In anger, the old lady killed the agent.

In another segment, some people are protesting some economic injustice, and kops are sent in to beat them. I then think of the students at Kent State, Ohio, who were killed by amerikan soldiers. Their crime? They were protesting the war. I think of the many kids that are killed in our ghettos by kops who claim they are doing their duty. Duty to what? Is it their duty to kill children? Of all the suffering worldwide, because of our military intervention. I think of all the hate this country creates by acting like we offer democracy. But when Washington overthrew Mossadegh in Iran, it put in the Shah, making life worse for the people there. Washington also took out a socialist regime in Afghanistan and put in the Taliban which not only destroyed women's right s there, but also bit their backers on the heel by bombing the World Trade Center. I think of how Amerika helped overthrow the Allende government in Chile and helped prop up the Pinochet dictatorship. Of when Lumumba was murdered, the Congolese were left with the 35 year reign of Mobutu. No! No US intervention has ever installed a democratic regime.

Just as with all these governments, you are bought-off to help Yacub. Ask yourself this question, and answer honestly



themselves to be used as a tool of oppression, as long as they can gain from it? Are you employed in the type of work that is for the betterment of humanity? Is it meaningful productive work which contributes to social progress? All them children whose parents are imprisoned can tell you that locking away mothers and fathers and breaking up families, only succeeds in slowing down social progress as the injustice system stands today. Or are you one of those arrogant and ignorant fools who think it is superior work to be contributing to the growth of the Prison Industrial Complex, or the perfection of bomb construction and war machines, or lying through the media for the government? It may sound superior...except in an evil form. It's an abomination.

In two months, one hundred tomahawk cruise missiles have been fired into Afghanistan. The only people these missiles have killed were innocent civilians...children. Each missile cost about one million dollars. That's a total of one million...wasted dollars. For what? The administration is guilty for those innocent lives. So are the inventors of the bombs, the company and people that make them and even the silent approval of the public. All co-conspirators. A Hindu once said to me, "Blaze, every deliberate inaction does not escape the making of a karmic consequence, because it contains a hidden decision not to act and that decision in itself is a form of action..." I find it interesting that from all walks of life, it's the humble who realize these truths as absolute truths.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "the day we know the truth and cease to speak the truth is the day we begin to die..."

peaking the truth starts with self-criticism. What part are you laying in the progress of mankind, or it's demise? The poet ante said, "the darkest places in hell are reserved for those ho in a time of moral crisis maintain their neutrality" See, any have spoken on this issue, and now so do I, because the ain and suffering is real. We can blame the governments, but e governments are nobody without us! We fuel them, allow em to grow negatively by taking part in what they do.

John Africa of MOVE said this (before the kops under rders, dropped a bomb on his home destroying a whole black eighborhood and killing 11 men, women and children, nihilating 61 homes, leaving over 200 people homeless on others day,1985) "The government is only as lasting as your nderstanding of administration. The Army is nothing without eople, the Air Force is grounded without your endorsement, e ships of the navy could never have sailed if your leaders idn't have you sail them, and the brutal depravity of police ould be none existent if you didn't wear the uniform..." nder that light, then, if you are aware that your country ppresses, and you do nothing to prevent it...or if you work for e government in any field that perpetuates oppression, "in its any forms," then you are just as guilty as the snakes voted to office. It is due to your silence that your president strong med his way into office. There is sufficient proof that they new the twin towers were going to be attacked, and again, our silence helped it succeed. Just as your silence or volvement, helps prisons now, your silence allows kops to alk out free from the courts after stealing yet another innocent



devil is any person who does wrong to others, as well as those who help them(the devils advocate). Once again, I'm not downing you if you choose this line of work. I only ask that be conscious of the affects this type of work. I love you's all. As a Maosit, I believe true freedom for all peoples of the earth will come when all peoples of all colors come together and bring down the capitalist and imperialist system which is the actual source that fuels and gives strength to racism, and is the sole detriment of the Black and Brown people. Freedom will come, once people learn how not to be used by their government as a puppet, to oppress freedom. Free the dome form the present state of mental unawareness.

I would like to add as a final note and argument some of the latest news events that prove to me that we actually help the government destroy ourselves. Making life temporarily easier for the upper class and worse for the poor.

In one segment of the news, I saw that an entire town (whites) was attacked by the Feds. Whereupon they subsequently cut off all their water. Why? Because they were not authorized to use this water they were getting. Now, here are people dependent upon this water. It's bad that the government denies them of the right to use this God given resource, that their very lives depend upon. But, it is even uglier that these federal agents will allow themselves to be used as a tool to make men, women and children's lives more miserable. Which is exactly what happened when this small town's water supply was cut off. But they were only doing their

agenda to control all lands and people.

Psychologists and sociologists say so called gang members suffer from an identity crisis. I see a deeper and harsher truth. The majority of these youths are more aware of their African or Latin roots then our schooled brethren who are the ones really suffering from an identity crisis. Like the Black guard who said he was not African and like Colin Powell who said he was not Black. It seems tome that in the process of being euro-educated, they are fed this patriotic trick-knowledge and are used, led like horses with the dollar bill (the carrot stick). This is why most guards of color, kops or soldiers, when asked why they don't find a more meaningful and socially productive job admit that they do it because it "pays real good!" That is the bottom line, money, individualism and this trick-knowledge is taking full advantage of that man made means of control, as Jesus said "chasing after the things of the world".

The following essay "Two Masters"(editors note: "Two Masters" can be found in the Revolutionary Christian Zine) was written for the so called Christians and religious communities who work for the government and are ruled by money. All is scripturally founded. All said in a nutshell, you can either contribute to our racial decay and oppression or help in the growth and strengthening of a "self-determined" Black and Latino nation, of which none exist today. As for you whites who read this, I love "all" people, be they Black, White, Yellow, Red or Brown. To me a devil comes in all colors. A



life. Our silence is why bad people are taking advantage and destroying our mother- Earth!

I am a prisoner facing fifteen years for conspiracy, a fabricate charge. Fifteen years for being a leader and caring for the oppressed. That is the truth. In those fifteen years, I've seen prisoners get killed, I've been beaten into a coma by guards, I have been harassed and robbed by guards, been set-up and put at odds with my prisoner pears. Often, I found that the ones doing all this were black or Latino guards; as if they had something to prove to their white counter-parts, their loyalty to an oppressive system. It was a black women captain in Rikers Island that threw me in a house full of Bloods during the Blood and King wars in the 90's.

There is so much ignorance that never fails to appall me. For example, on Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday, President Bush's wife went to a black church and started to speak of how great of a man Dr. King was. The fact that this viper was on the pulpit saying M.L.K's name in vain and blaspheming him was not as bad as seeing M.L.K's family and all the other black church goers cheering this viper on. Because as she spoke, her husband, who runs at the top of the list for the executions of blacks and Latinos on death row, was at full war. Killing innocent civilians at random. And if any of you dare know, M.L.K was an avid anti-war activist, which cost him his life! King exposed unspeakable horrors of this oppressive system when he stated, "...increasingly, by choice or by accident, this is the role that the nation has taken. The role of

those who make peaceful revolution impossible by refusing to give up the privileges and the pleasures that come from the immense profits overseas...(like the oil in the middle east and their anger at our bullying presence). When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered." It was after this speech that the government murdered him, and there goes his family eating and sleeping with the devils who caused it. God! It seems we people of color, don't learn from our past mistakes of tying to "reform" an un-reformable and unrepentant system, that is only content with exploitation and oppression and staying on top. We continue to work for them, hoping we will be considered worthy and respected amerikans. While every year we are treated like shit, murdered in our streets, imprisoned at alarming rates, poverty stricken and jobless for the majority. This is also why Dr. M.L.K said: "I was compelled to see war as the enemy of the poor and attack it as such." Yet his loved ones want to dine with these same war-mongers that took his life. They are pathetic.

Many are not concerned that if you look globally, people of color are suffering big time. That all our leaders always end up killed or in prison. That our suns and daughters are being killed in the streets. That poverty is rising and so is unemployment. That it's most of our people who are filling up the prisons. Not only are these workers of Yacub not concerned about it, they also seek to profit from this oppression. Pay their bills and put their kids through school off of human misery.



willingly working for them, to achieve their own agenda, which is the complete rule of the world and the destruction of the original man...God.)

I find the 5% teachings interesting. So I quoted a little bit to show you the type of righteous resistance that is borne out of the ghettos, borne out of frustration, and anger. Just as were the Kings and Queens, the Bloods and Crips, what many consider gangs are but a subconscious desire to unite against Yacub's massive assault of trick-knowledgery. And as you can see, Yacub fears the growth of these groups. So they attack them, imprison them and use more trick-knowledge like divide and conquer. This was used against the Africans to help sell each other into slavery, (as many of you do today) the Indians, to kill each other off, the slaves against the Indians. And even now on the people in the middle-east, and on the new Afrikans in north Amerikkka.

No Black or Latino nation will "ever" be strong unless they begin to unite. The Latino, Simon Bolivar, also known as the "Great Liberator" (1783-1830) dream lives on today. Which was to unite all south Amerikan countries into one nucleus. He was able to liberate five Latin American countries from Spain, but European trick-knowledge cut them short of full unity. Africa is burning with civil wars, caused by their trick-knowledge, and over here today, divide and conquer is used as well. A sort of manipulated cold war between the house negroes and the field negroes. (this includes Latinos). This is why as a race, we don't get no where. They have a conscious

Now some of you may be wondering, who is Yacub? I use the term "Yacub" loosely. This term however, comes from a religion borne out of the ghettos of New York. Through the teachings of W.D Fard and Elijah (in the 60's) called Supreme Mathematics. They call themselves "Gods of the Earth...or God bodies..." the 5% nation. (Peace be to all you righteous and conscious brothers!)

According to supreme Mathematics legends, it was the 23rd scientist who created the 24th Scientist named "Yacub" Yacub was born in a time of dissatisfaction. He began to experiment with high explosives, and it was through this dissatisfaction that the devil was made. It took born-thousands (9 thousand) years for the devil to be complete. (that is a fleshy devil or malicious man.) This race of devils started causing confusion among the righteous (Gods and Earths) but warriors of the lands of Medina chased them away, over the hot Arabian desert, to the caves of Europe where they lived like savages for over 2,000 years, until the birth of Musa (Moses). After Musa performed his duty, which was to teach the devil his forgotten trick-knowledge, the devil then manifested this trick-knowledge and began to deceive the black man through false interorientation and forced them over the Atlantic to the "New World" where they began to crush the black man and erase from their minds all knowledge of their past, their honor, and thus their future. They were forced to submit to a nonexistent God. In all reality, the black man was only submitting himself to the nature of the devil which is trick-knowledge and mass deceit.(it is this trick knowledge that has you people of color



Just as during the slavery days, many so called good people stood quiet and even tolerated slavery. Because either directly or indirectly they had a lot to gain or a lot to lose if they spoke up against it.

I look upon the mysteries of the scriptures, often comparing it to us today. The Jews are strong today because, though they were captives in many foreign lands for thousands of years, they never forgot who they were. They never lost their national sense of identity and culture. They carried it in their sacred book from captivity to captivity. Though they lived in Egypt, Babylon or Assyria, they called themselves Hebrews and the children of God.

Moses was a perfect example. He was found by the Pharaoh's daughters on a river bank and was raised in the household of the Pharaoh himself. He was like the son of the Pharaoh. Moses had all the blessings and wealth of a king's son. Yet, when he saw his people under severe oppression, he had a choice, either work for the government that oppressed his people (as many are doing today) or help his people become truly free. Though suffer he may, he chose to help his people. Even to the point that he had to live in the desert and suffer with his beloved. Neither did he give up his brothers when he saw them fighting. He personally jumped in and stopped them!

There are many mysteries we could pull out of the scriptures which determined national identity and its perseverance against all odds. Yet here, you are becoming

uppets in the armed forces of the world's biggest oppressors. t is for this sole reason there is not even one country of color /ho attempts to grow without being quickly crushed. Iraq, an il rich country is a perfect example. And instead of uniting , ıany are easily bought off and used against their brethren, /hich is why no country of color will ever be allowed to mount to anything. And until we stop thinking under ıdividualistic terms, and like Moses, decide to shun the overnment and the money it offers and helping uplifting your ationality, your identity and true human solidarity.

It is true that we are all human. But again, I point to \frica and say, LOOK! 26 million are dying of AIDS there... ut of 36 million globally. This is not by chance, nor is it by hance that all black countries globally are impoverished. Yes, /e are "all human" but the type of system we have under apitalism and imperialism is working hand in hand with acism. If you do not wake up soon, there will be a day when ll land, all resources, your suns and daughters and even your oul(if it does not already) will belong to Yacub.

Every time I see a person of color working for the ystem, it breaks my heart, and in some cases, disgusts me. Because you could see them maliciously fucking their brethren round, getting some type of sadistic joy in seeing the pain in ıeir brothers eyes. They go out of their way to be scumbags. While on the other hand, there are some (a very few) who are onscious and growing in rightesnous. Like this one black emale guard who admitted that she felt Yacub was trying to



exterminate all people of color. She also had the most sincerer and beautiful smile that always made me smile. Then there was the other female guard who saved my life when I got set-up by other guards who tried to get a bunch of "blinded prisoners" to attack me with knives. Then there was the black male guard who was given orders to run up in my cell and beat me down-masked! But when he noticed it was me, a friend of old, he took off his mask and said "I ain't touchin' this man." The others with him followed suit once he took off his mask. And there was the black male school teacher who admitted prisons are against us, and swore to teach well and leave this occupation after two years. There are other blacks and Latinos with pride of their race and culture, who work for the government and see what's going on. So I don't knock you's all. Yes, I admit that many of you do this because you need to survive, and though I don't agree with that excuse, for I'd rather be poor than used for oppressing others. I also understand that you have families to support and must do what you have to do. Get yours!

To you conscious workers of Yacub, I ask that you always be righteous. Do what's right. Don't allow yourselves to be used as a tool of oppression. It's bad enough that by taking that line of work, you help prisons grow, operate, breathe, and destroy lives. You contribute to this countries obsessive expansion through militarism. I have many dear friends in the military too. Though I am saddened about that, I love them, and just pray that they move on to better professions that helps "their" people grow.